

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

**MAY 2, 2016**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Student Advisor, Makayla Herbert, was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

**MINUTES:** Conner made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. R. L. Coon has done some excavated to alleviate the problem with 16<sup>th</sup> Street. The drain is currently working. The ponds are dry. We will need to plant grass.
2. The Board of Works approved a contract with Fleis & Vandenbrink for a transportation management asset plan.
3. The Board of Works approved a contract with HWC to assist us with the stellar grant.
4. The Board of Works also approved new lighting for the ball diamond at the High School. The cost is \$16,000.00 to be paid over 4 years.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copley presented CF-1's for Emerson. Bridges made a motion to approve the CF-1s for Emerson. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The pavilion is in. They will start on the foundation Wednesday.
- **Marketing** – No report.
- **APC/BZA** – No report.

- **City Center** – We will have a work session tomorrow.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase goes in May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Brownfield Grant** – The old PN Hirsh building was visited.
- **ECDC** – An offer has been accepted to replace Carolyn.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Police Chief Tucker reminded everyone there is still time to register for the Mayor’s 5K on May 14.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller informed Council that the Board of Works hired Jacob Fowler to replace Jack Hill.

Miller said heavy trash was very heavy. He suggested that we create some specifications as to what heavy trash should consist of. He said at one house they picked up 5 truckloads. Smith will check with Shelbyville for suggestions.

**Park** – Park Director Gurley said the chemical tanks are in and filled. The valves have been installed. The old lockers have been removed and the baskets have been purchased. Bowles has installed the new plumbing fixtures. The pool area is being cleaned in preparation for filling. May 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a pool staff meeting. The pool is scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend.

Due to faulty equipment there has been a delay with WiFi in the park.

We are working on a schedule for cooking classes.

Gurley is also working on a program for a whiffle ball tournament.

He is meeting with Emerson regarding a co-ed softball league.

The first Pinterest Night in the Park was well attended. The next one is scheduled for May 25.

The Trails master plan has been approved by DNR.

Summer camp is scheduled for July 18-22.

**Animal** – Warden Moran informed Council they are starting a program where the animals will be spayed or neutered and vaccinated before leaving the pound.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins handed out monthly and year-to-date reports.

The asbestos testing is complete on the 3<sup>rd</sup> set of BEP properties. There will be a public hearing tomorrow on the 4<sup>th</sup> set.

Jenkins reported there is a balance of \$26,747.32 in the EMS fund.

It was also reported that the Unsafe Hearing Board agreed to begin court proceedings on the Durbin property. A fine of \$100.00 per day was also implemented for noncompliance.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** Councilman Berkemeier informed Council of a concern he received from Ed Pribble regarding a charge on his Comcast bill. Berkemeier said after discussing with Pribble, it was not an issue for Council.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Attorney Contract** – The final change was sent to Newhouse. It should be ready for approval at the next meeting.
2. **Tax Abatement Request Campaign Flats** – After discussion with Councilman Berkemeier they have determined an agreed upon assessed value. Berkemeier said that he believed this is a workable cost benefit. Cameron moved to approve the tax abatement for Campaign Flats. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance 2016-10 Flea Markets** – Council is still reviewing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Trane Tax Abatement SB-1** – Amy Kissel appeared before Council to request approval of Cf1's for Trane. Bridges made a motion to approve the CF-1's for Trane. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2016-13 Adoption of Fiscal Plan Annexation Waggoner Property** – Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-13. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance 2016-9 Annexation Waggoner Property (Public Hearing 5-17-16)** - Bridges made a motion to accept the introduction of Ordinance 2016-9. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Preferred Method of Property Liquidation Highway 52 Property** – Council agreed to move forward with RFP's to purchase the property.

**CLAIMS:** Berkemeier made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** Berkemeier made a motion to approve the letter of support for phase II of Cherry Street. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.